

The petition 04-405 argues that because the telco provider has a 90% market share, consumers will not be harmed by removing regulations that will allow those telcos to eliminate any remaining competition. This will mean that the FCC believes that monopoly power is good for consumers, a position that would be considered completely irrational by both economic experts and logicians. In fact the simplest argument against this proposal is that if they have a 90% market share, the current restrictions are NOT ENOUGH to maintain a competitive marketplace. Thus the logical conclusion is that the FCC should move to INCREASE the regulations of the telcos since they are able to act monopolistically under the current regulations.

In my personal case, my ISP who needs access to lines provided by the telco, will probably be forced out of business due to anti-competitive rate changes which will be allowed by this proposal. This ISP provides services that are not and will not be provided by the telco's DSL service.

I urge the FCC not to approve this short-sighted and anti-consumer proposal.

Thank you,
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